GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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JOINT FORUM OF NAVY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to launch a joint forum of Navy with other countries to make the coastal areas of the country safe; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of countries with which the said Maritime Cooperation treaty is being signed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): With a view to achieving a state of security, safety and stability in the IndianOcean Region (IOR), Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) has been launched by the Indian Navywith navies (and maritime security organizations in respect of countries who do not have anyformal Navy) of the IOR.Indian Navy organized an inaugural seminar,'IONS Seminar, 2008', inNew Delhi in February 2008, which was attended by 26 Heads/Chiefs of Navy/their representativesfrom majority of IOR littoral countries, including India.